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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Dear Examiner Nahar:

Please find attached an Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form that you requested on the phone today. I would like to schedule a telephone interview at your earliest convenience. My question relates to the relevance of Kathail (U.S. 5,802,365), which appears to be concerned with matching a driver to a hardware device. As claimed in exemplary Claim 1, the present invention is directed to determining if two pieces of firmware in a computer are compatible. This is done by analyzing a control block that "includes a firmware family code and a compatibility table of firmware images associated with said control block." If the two firmware images are from different families, then the compatibility tables are evaluated "to determine if said firmware images are compatible."

None of this appears to be taught or suggested by Kathail, which installs a latest driver for a device (with an implied assumption that the new version will work okay).

I look forward to your call set up a time to review these matters.

Thank you for your attention.

Best regards,



Jim Boice

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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 09/918,132 First Named Applicant: WILLIAM JOSEPH PIAZZA
Examiner: NAHAR, QAMMUN Art Unit: 2124 Status of Application: FIRAC

Tentative Participants:

(1) JIAN BOICIS (2) QAMMUN NAHAR
(3) _____ (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: TBB (5/1/5) Proposed Time: TBP (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>NOT</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>ICARMAIL</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

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An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

NOTE: This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

[Signature]
Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

Examiner/SPE Signature

JANIS W. BOICIS
Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative

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